COMMUTER ALERT



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CALTRANS CONTINUES WORK ON US95 NEAR NEEDLES

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY – The California Department of Transportation continues a pavement rehabilitation project near Needles, CA to repair sections of the road washed away during storms on August 4th. US95 will remain closed from Vidal Junction to Needles until 6 PM Wednesday, August 9th. Work is expected to last two more weeks.

Beginning Wednesday, August 9^{th,} US95 will be subject to limited usage and escorts. The following table outlines these hours:

LOCATION	DATES	TIME	AVAILABILITY
Vidal Junction to Needles	Beginning Wednesday, August 9 th continuing for	6 PM to 6 AM	Complete access in both directions
	the project duration		
Vidal Junction to Needles	Beginning Thursday, August 10 th continuing for the project duration	6 AM to 6 PM	Limited access- Pilot car escorts in both directions

Construction will determine availability of the road. These are subject to change. Caltrans will provide updates if changes occur.

Detours:

- Motorists traveling in California east to Arizona can use Interstate 40 or SR62. Interstate 40 is open in both directions and bypasses the closure on the north. SR62 is also open in both directions and bypasses the closure on the south.
- Motorists traveling from Interstate 10 to destinations north such as Havasu Landing and Lake Havasu can take US95 to Havasu Lake Road and go east.
- Motorists traveling to destinations such as Parker Dam and Needles can use I-10 or I-40 and connect to AZ95.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and cooperation and reminds everyone to always drive safely and **Slow for the Cone Zone**.